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BEGIN SUMMARY. FONOFF GENERAL DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT CHIEF HAS REVIEWED EXPECTED TIME TABLE FOR PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS OF RATIFICATION OF NPT AND IAEA/EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. FONOFF REP ALSO COMMENTED ON LIKELY OPPOSITION OBJECTIONS TO NPT RATIFICATION. HE ENDORSED US VIEW OF EUROPEAN OPTION AND CONTROL ISSUES SET FORTH IN STATE 212537. THE QUESTION OF US CONTACTS WITH OPPOSITION DEPUTIES DID NOT ARISE IN THE CONVERSATION. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALLED AT REQUEST OF FONOFF GENERAL DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT CHIEF ANDRAE OCT. 31 FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NPT RATIFICATION ISSUE. ACCORDING TO CURRENT TENTATIVE TIME TABLE, ANDRAE SAID BUNDESTAG FIRST READING WILL BE NOV. 8; FONMIN SCHEEL AND PERHAPS SCIENCE MINISTER EHMKE WILL LEAD OFF IN SUPPORTING RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. AS WE HAVE REPORTED (REFTELS), THE BUNDESTAG FIRST READING IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE CONSIDERABLE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE. ANDRAE SAID BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES WILL CONSIDER THE TWO MEASURES, PERHAPS FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEKS, STARTING NOV. 23. THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES WILL CONSIDER THESE MEASURES. A SECOND BUNDESTAG READING IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR EARLY NEXT YEAR, PERHAPS IN JANUARY. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE THIRD AND FINAL BUNDESTAG READING WILL TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SECOND READING, OR WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE. BUNDESRAT CONCURRENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BUT NOT RPT NOT FOR RATIFICATION OF THE NPT. ANDRAE PRESENTLY EXPECTS THE BUNDESRAT TO TAKE UP THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. ANDRAE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ABOVE TIME TABLE IS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE, AND WILL DEPEND ESSENTIALLY UPON THE CHARACTER OF THE OPPOSITION DEVELOPED BY SOME CDU/CSU DEPUTIES.

2. ANDRAE SAID HE EXPECTED THE BUNDESTAG OPPOSITION TO FOCUS ITS QUESTIONING ON THE RELATED QUESTIONS OF A

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NUCLEAR OPTION FOR A EUROPEAN SUCCESSOR STATE, THE
DEFINITION OF CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND POSSIBLE
SOVIET HINDRANCE OR INTRUSION INTO THE EUROPEAN UNI-
FICATION PROCESS. ANDRAE THEN INQUIRED CONCERNING THE
US UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUROPEAN SUCCESSION AND CONTROL
ISSUES. EMBOFF DREW FROM STATE 212537 (NOTAL) IN RE-
PLYING, EMPHASIZING THAT WASHINGTON HAD CONSULTED
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CLOSELY WITH THE FRG AND ITS ALLIES IN DEVELOPING ITS

INTERPRETATIONS OF THE NPT, WHICH WERE ADVANCED TO THE SOVIETS ONLY AFTER THE FRG HAD ASSENTED TO OUR APPROACH. EMBOFF SAID THAT, GIVEN SOVIET SILENCE IN THE FACE OF US INTERPRETATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT RUSSIAN RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY, MOSCOW IS NOW IN NO POSITION TO PRESS ANY INTREPRETATION INCONSISTENT WITH THOSE ADVANCED BY THE USG.

3. IN REPLY ANDRAE SAID THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT - SHARED THE US VIEW OF THESE EVENTS AND WAS DETERMINED TO PRESS FOR EARLY RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND IAEA/ EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. ANDRAE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAS SOME REPORTS THAT THE CDU/CSU MIGHT WISH TO CLARIFY THE GERMAN INTERPRETATION OF THE NPT, CONSISTENT WITH THE US INTERPRETATIONS, BY SOME TYPE OF GLOSS DURING THE RATIFICATIONPROCESS. WHILE, SO FAR AS HE KNEW, THE CDU HAD NOT YET APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER AND HE HAD NO CONCRETE THOUGHTS ON HOW IT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED, ANDRAE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE OPPOSED TO AN APPROPRIATE TYPE OF INTERPRETATION AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.
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